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## **Pride & Joy Creamery, LLC. Recalls raw milk because of possible health risk**

GRANGER -- Pride & Joy Creamery, LLC of Granger, WA is recalling raw fluid milk because it may be contaminated with *Escherichia coli* bacteria (*E. coli*) that can cause serious illness. The unpasteurized milk was sold at the farm and distributed through nine retail outlets in King, Pierce, Snohomish and Skagit counties.

The recall was initiated after sampling by the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) discovered that the product was contaminated with toxin-producing *E. coli*. Pride & Joy Dairy and WSDA are continuing their investigation into the source of the problem. WSDA and other public health officials are exploring the possibility that there has been human illness linked to this milk.

Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* infections may cause severe diarrhea, stomach cramps and bloody stool. Symptoms generally appear three to four days after exposure, but can take as long as nine days to appear. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should contact a health care provider.

The infection sometimes causes hemolytic uremic syndrome, a serious disease in which red blood cells are destroyed and the kidneys fail. Infants, children, pregnant women, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems are especially at risk.

Pride & Joy Raw Cow's Milk bearing expiration dates of 9/30/2011 and 9/31/11 has been recalled. The milk is sold only in gallon, half gallon and quart containers. Recalled raw milk was sold from the on-farm store at 2145 Liberty Road in Granger, WA and from the following locations:

**Sno-isle**  
2804 Grand Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201  
Phone: 425-259-3798

**Marlenes Market**  
2565 s. Gateway Center Place  
Federal Way, WA 98003  
Phone; 253-839-0933

**Madison Market**  
1600 Madison  
Seattle, WA 98122  
Phone: 206-329-1545

**Truhealth**  
18001 Bothell-Everett  
Suite 109  
Bothell, WA 98012  
Phone: 425-415-8410

**Skagit Valley Food**  
202 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Mt. Vernon, WA 98273  
Phone; 360-336-9777

**Nature's Market**  
26011 104<sup>th</sup> Ave, SE  
Kent, WA 98030  
Phone: 253-854-5395

**Marlenes Market**  
2951 S. 38<sup>th</sup> ST.  
Tacoma, WA 98409  
Phone 253-472-4080

**Manna Mills**  
21705 66<sup>th</sup> Ave, West  
Mountlake Terrace, WA  
98043  
Phone: 425-775-3479

**Sunshine Corner Nutrition**  
15220 SE 272th, Suite F  
Kent, WA 98042  
Phone: 253-631-1069

Consumers who have purchased Pride & Joy raw milk with expiration dates of 9/30/2011 and 9/31/11 are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 509-854-1389.

Retail raw milk is legal to buy and sell in Washington, but there are serious potential health risks. Consumers should read the warning label on the retail raw milk container carefully and ask their retailer to verify the milk was produced and processed by a WSDA-licensed operation.

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